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## by Liz Bradbury **We Owe Part of Every Advancement to Del Martin**

On August 17, 2008, lesbian activist Del Martin died at USCF Hospice in San Francisco.

Del Martin and her partner Phyllis Lyon had been together since 1952. In 1955, they began the first lesbian organization in the United States. In 2004, they were the first same-sex couple to be married in San Francisco, only to have their marriage rights rescinded by California courts 6 months later.

On June 5, 2008, Martin and Lyon were the first same-sex couple to be legally wed in California after the CA Supreme Court decision granted marriage equality to families like ours.

At the Lehigh Valley Pride in the Park festival in August, a very young man from a Democratic Campaign booth came into the PA Diversity Network booth. He tried to tell both Trish and me that the gay community should be content to accept "incremental" progress for the civil rights of our community. He also told me that he did not "believe you could legislate against homophobia."

Well, he was wrong on both counts...

1. We are not content with incremental progress with our civil rights - especially since we haven't seen much in the last 16 years federally or in the state of PA. In fact, all we have seen in PA the last 6 years is the loss of the Hate Crimes Law. While it's nice to beat hateful legislation, like Constitutional amendments, beating laws against us isn't really progress.

And 2. Yes, you can legislate against homophobia. Passing laws that make discrimination illegal changes people's minds in the long run. Case in point: The integration of the armed services by President Harry Truman in 1948 -- he did it, and now you would be hard pressed to find someone who would not say that soldiers should serve together regardless of race. If the military had not been forcefully integrated by Truman's presidential order, the attitudes of society would have been far less quick in changing.

When asked about losing her marriage rights in 2004 Phyllis Lyon said:

"Del is 83 years old and I am 79. After being together for more than 50 years, it is a terrible blow to have the rights and protections of marriage taken away from us. At our age, we do not have the luxury of time."

Thank goodness that they were able to live together for four more years, so they could see their marriage equality finally and legally in place (if perhaps, only for a few more months, but at least forever for them.) These equal marriage rights were no thanks to people anywhere in this country who say they believe our community should be content with less than full marriage equality. They were no thanks to people who believe we should be content to wait because others in this country are not ready for our committed couples to be married. No person of any minority should be expected to be content with anything less than fully equal civil rights -- separate but equal has already been proven impossible! It's not just a word - it is legal equality.

(By the way, McCain's Republican Party platform calls for not only a Constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, but efforts to repeal any civil union protections already granted in states that have passed them. Obama's Democratic platform calls for equal protections for all families. So, don't forget to vote in November - do it for Del.)

1921\*\*Born in San Francisco on May 5th, as Dorothy L. Taliaferro.

1939 \*\*Salutatorian of the first graduating class of George Washington High School.

1939 \*\* Begins to study journalism at the University of California at Berkeley.

1940 \*\*Transfers to San Francisco State College, marries James Martin, and two years later gives birth to daughter Kendra. The marriage ends in divorce.

1950 \*\* Meets Phyllis Lyon in Seattle, working in the same publication company.

1953 (on Valentine's Day) \*\* Martin and Lyon move in together in San Francisco.

1955 \*\* Martin and Lyon buy a small home that remains theirs through their entire relationship.

1955 \*\* Martin and Lyon and six other lesbians co-found the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) that becomes the first public and political lesbian rights organization in the United States. Martin becomes the first President of DOB, and writes to fuel public activism:

"Nothing was ever accomplished by hiding in a dark corner. Why not discard the hermitage for the heritage that awaits any red-blooded American woman who dares to claim it?"

1960 to 1962 \*\* Martin becomes the second editor (after Lyon) of DOB's groundbreaking monthly magazine, *The Ladder*, which grew from a mimeographed newsletter in 1956 to an internationally recognized magazine with thousands of subscribers by 1970. The magazine not only confronted homophobia and misogyny but also sexism in the gay rights movement.

1964 \*\* Became part of the group that founded the Council on Religion and the Homosexual in order to lobby city lawmakers more effectively to reduce police harassment and modify the sex laws that criminalized homosexual behavior.

\*\* Martin was also a founding member of the Lesbian Mother's Union; the San Francisco Women's Centers; and the Bay Area Women's Coalition, among other organizations.

\*\* Became an early member of the National Organization for Women (NOW), and worked to counter homophobia within the women's movement.

\*\* Martin and Lyon were the first lesbians to insist on joining NOW with a couples' membership rate.

\*\* Martin was the first out lesbian on NOW's Board of Directors.

1972 \*\* Martin and Lyon co-author the groundbreaking book "Lesbian/Woman." In 1992, *Publishers Weekly* chose it as one of the 20 most influential women's books of the last 20 years.

1972 \*\* Martin and Lyon co-founder the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, the first gay political club in the United States.

1973 \*\* Prior to this year, Martin was a leader in the campaign to persuade the American Psychiatric Association



to declare that homosexuality was not a mental illness. This goal was finally achieved in 1973.

1975 \*\* Martin publishes "Battered Wives."

1975 \*\* Co-founds the Coalition for Justice for Battered Women.

1976 \*\* Martin is appointed chairwoman of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women and serves on the committee until 1979.

1976 \*\* Co-founds La Casa de las Madres (a shelter for battered women)

1977 \*\* Co-founds and the California Coalition against Domestic Violence

1979 \*\* Local health care providers establish a clinic to give lesbians in the San Francisco Bay Area access to nonjudgmental, affordable health care and name it Lyon-Martin Health Services.

1987\*\* Receives a doctorate from the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality.

1990 \*\* The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California award the couple its highest honor, the Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award.

1995 \*\* U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein name Martin, and U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi named Lyon, as delegates to the White House Conference on Aging, where they made headlines by using their moment at the podium to remind the 125,000 attendees that LGBT people grow old, too, and must be

included explicitly in aging policies.

1996 \*\* The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality give Martin and Lyon their Outstanding Public Service Award.

To 2008 \*\* Served as grand marshals at Pride marches across the nation and been honored by every major LGBT organization in the country.

2004 \*\* Martin and Lyon are the first same-sex couple to be married in San Francisco, only to have their marriage rights rescinded by California courts 6 months later.

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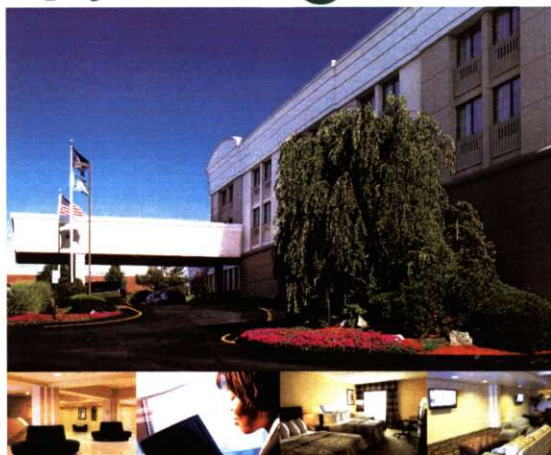
August 17th, 2008 \*\* Martin dies at the age of 87, having been legally married for 2 months and 12 days.



*Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon*

Financial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to honor Del's life and commitment and to defeat the California marriage ban through the National Center for Lesbian Rights 'No On 8' PAC at [www.nclrights.org/NoOn8](http://www.nclrights.org/NoOn8).

Liz Bradbury is the Executive Director of PA Diversity Network ([www.padiversity.org](http://www.padiversity.org)), the publisher of the Valley Gay Press Newspaper, and the author of the hot new Lesbian mystery/romance novel, *Angel Food and Devil Dogs* – a Maggie Gale Mystery ([www.lizbradbury.boudicapublishing](http://www.lizbradbury.boudicapublishing))



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## **Discrimination in the Work Place**

**"Is my job safe?"** This is the big question as the foundation of our economy shakes. It's a bigger question for those of us in a sexual minority. Below are four examples of job losses, which express the need for laws to protect against discrimination.

### **•The Best Western**

The Best Western on Eisenhower Boulevard in Harrisburg had been a gay friendly establishment. The Central PA Pride Festival committee met there; the hotel proudly displayed Panzee Press in the lobby; many employees including upper management were



openly gay or lesbian; and they had a good number of BGLQT clientele since the word in our community passed that it was a good place to stay. In the past year, a tornado picked up the hotel/restaurant and blew it back across the rainbow. New owners took over the establishment and trouble started brewing with the gay and lesbian staff. Panzee Press received a call from the hotel management asking that we remove them from our distribution. Six openly homosexuals lost their jobs from this Best Western franchise. They were not protected by Harrisburg's anti-discrimination bill because the hotel lies just outside the city's borders. These six won't tell you the details of their experience due to several fears: exposing a scandal of a previous employer would make it harder to find a new job; being identified in print as a sexual minority might prevent a perspective employer from hiring them; some fear legal slander accusations; some fear the loss of their severance packages.

At least one employee was hired across the street at Days Inn and their Sante Fe restaurant which have no trouble with diversity and even placed an advertisement in this issue of Panzee. You'll also find an advertisement for Holiday Inn, using Panzee to find new employees. The Red Roof Inn, across from Liquid 891, also on Eisenhower Boulevard, has always proudly displayed Panzee in their lobby and works with Liquid to give you good nightly rates.



### **•Spice**

Spice Restaurant in downtown Harrisburg made it big in local news after firing two employees, whose words to the Patriot News seemed to be in conflict with Spice's business principles. What didn't make the news was that these were the last two of the five openly gay and lesbian staff members to cease working for Spice since new owners took over. Again, some of these individuals asked that their name not be used in this article since such publicity could hurt their future career opportunities. The question of rightful termination in this case is highlighted because Spice is subject to Harrisburg's anti-discrimination law, and two staff members claim they were specifically told by the Chef and the Chief Operations Officers of Spice not to hire any more gay people. One of these two managers can't be named, since he or she also has a military career and such exposure could mean the loss of that job as well.

John Burkholder, who says he was misquoted by the Patriot News, was fired without discussion along with Molly Turner. John says that of the five gay and lesbian staff, none had ever been written up, were ever late, or ever had any verbal confrontation with the new Spice owners or managers. According to John, the owner read the Patriot News article while on vacation, called the managers,



*John Burkholder*

and instructed that Molly and John be terminated. Ryan Bowman, an experience bartender, isn't afraid to use his name when he says he was turned down for a job at Spice and told they weren't hiring any gay men. According to John, another friend of his was turned down for a position and given the same reason.

### **•Pam**

The process of changing gender leads to a more sensitive case of sexual minority discrimination in the work place. When coworkers or employers discover a gay man or lesbian



among them, they sometimes have a hard time adjusting to new ideas, but the homosexual walks, talks and acts the same as they did before his or her sexual preference was known in the work place. An employee, known to the rest of the staff for several years, changing into the opposite sex can be much more difficult for the workplace to bear. Pam understood this before she opted for her transition, so she followed the advice of Transscentral, and requested a transfer. Her employers said they were doing a great job where she was, they were experienced in this situation, and felt it was best for Pam to stay where she was. After she transitioned, this confident support dwindled. The largest problem arose from the bathrooms. Pam was contracted to work with Giant Supermarkets through an employment agency. Giant claimed they had policies in place for transgender people, although Pam notes that such policies were only dictated to her verbally. She was directed to continue using the men's room when a unisex bathroom was not available. Identifying and presenting herself as a woman, Pam was obviously uncomfortable using the men's room. Eventually Giant asked her to leave, claiming that Pam used the women's restroom, which Pam says she has not.

Once Pam's transition was complete, she looked forward to obtaining a good steady job. Thinking that the problem was transitioning in front of coworkers, she hoped to put the past

behind her. No such luck. She was dismissed from a few jobs because of budgetary or other unfortunate circumstances, but she still wonders if those were the real reasons. For other jobs, Pam is confident that the real reason was her being a sexual minority. Pam was hired by G&H Service Company, where she worked for a week, and was given rave reviews by her trainer. The following Monday, after her new employer had time to conduct a background check, she was let go, and given the reason that a mistake occurred, and there wasn't money in the budget. After that, there was a very short job with Norwegian Cruise Lines. At a job fair, she counted three times that she was told, "You have the job." Further along in the process she was warned of an extensive background check, so Pam thought it best to tell them what they would certainly find out, that she used to be a man. All of a sudden, without any cause or explanation, she didn't get the job.

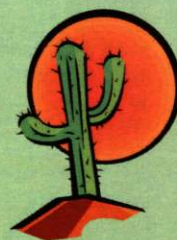
Pam asked that her last name not be used. A previous article about her, which included her last name, is easily found on the Internet, which is one of the first places prospective employers search. This article continues to haunt her, but comes up less frequently now in online searches.

#### •Dan Miller

At 10 AM, Wednesday, October 17, 1990, Dan Miller was fired from his CPA position with



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Donald L. DeMuth Professional Management Consultants (PMC). Was it a question of honesty that got him in trouble? No. Inability to perform his duties? No again. Oversight of an important account? Not even close. Dan Miller was fired for being gay. He was harassed by his former employer, and then sued by that same employer. Ultimately, he lost in court, and was forced to pay \$156,000, plus over \$40,000 in legal fees. Dan expresses that this life-changing event was devastating, and took five years out of his life. His former employer was based in Camp Hill, which did not have the anti-discrimination protections that Harrisburg had in place at that time.

Finding himself supporting a hate crimes bill, Dan was the spokesman for a coalition formed to ask the City of Harrisburg to begin counting gay bashing incidences and increase police protection. Publicity for that was brought to DeMuth's attention, and Dan was fired. No questions asked, other than, "What do you want me to tell your clients?" "The truth," was Dan's response.

In the five years Dan had worked for DeMuth, he was considered PMC's best employee. As a matter of fact, he was scheduled to become a partner in the business within the year. Why would a business owner fire his best employee? Blatant, unabashed intolerance and bias. DeMuth certainly cut his nose to spite his face, and needed to recoup his financial losses, which he sought to do by suing Dan when he began his own CPA practice and approximately one-third of his clients followed him. Four and a half years earlier Dan had signed a 'covenant not to compete,' which, if he were let go for 'just cause,' would prohibit him for a term of five years, and within a 50-mile radius, to not do business with any former or current clients of DeMuth's. Dan's employment contract stated that being a homosexual provided 'just cause' for firing. The ensuing court case was based on that prejudice.

Dan lost the court case, and his appeal, because of, as he states, "a judge who wished to refrain from making a civil rights statement in his courtroom. However, he helped to gain more for the GLBT community than he could have imagined. In 1994, he was one of five advocates to testify before a House subcommittee for federal legislation regarding the inclusion of sexual orientation in anti-discrimination policies for workers. Dan continues to speak on behalf of equal rights for both the local and national GLBT communities, especially when it comes to the right to work and protection from being fired for being GLBT.

Some employers think that your choice of a domestic partner, your sexual preference, or the gender with which you identify are issues that should determine if you can keep your job. This is discrimination in a form similar to what has been determined unlawful according to the

federal Civil Rights Act. What's missing in that law are protections for sexual minorities. In 1974, on the fifth anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, the Gay Rights Bill was introduced to add the words "sexual orientation" into the Civil Rights Act. It never passed. Over the years, the movement for this act has taken form in many Congress bills, and is currently limited to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). This act focuses on protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation regarding the employment aspect of the Civil Rights Act. In November 2007, ENDA finally passed through the federal house as H.R. 3685, but was not voted on by the Senate, and has run out of time in the 110th congress (2007/2008). There was an earlier version of ENDA in 2007 which included gender identity, but that was dropped in hopes of conforming to a passable bill.

Where the federal government falls short, local and state governments can pick up. According to the PA Diversity Network (PDN), the following fourteen Pennsylvania municipalities have some sort of employment protection laws for sexual minorities: Harrisburg, Allentown, Easton, York, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Scranton, New Hope, Erie County, West Chester, Lansdale, Swarthmore, and State College.

The state of Pennsylvania has legislation, House Bill 1400 and Senate Bill 761, in the current session (2007/2008) to amend our existing Human Relations Act to include protection against discrimination for "sexual orientation, gender identity or expression." Our state was a leader in human rights in passing the Human Relations Act in 1955, prior to the federal Civil Rights Act in 1964, and we can be ahead of the times again by including protection for sexual minorities now.

Liz Bradbury, of PDN, reports she receives phone calls everyday from people who have been discriminated against. "Unless the discrimination takes place in a protected municipality, there is little to be legally done," she states. "For that reason it is imperative that our state and our country pass laws to protect all citizens in areas of housing, public accommodation, and employment." The passage of upcoming HB 1400 would be a great step forward for the state of PA. Ms. Bradbury continues, "You can be fired, denied housing, thrown out of a restaurant, or denied a doctor's care for being gay or transgender in Pennsylvania. There are state laws in New Jersey and Maryland and fourteen other US states, but PA still doesn't have one, so sexual minorities are at risk every day."

Perhaps there are some of you who haven't faced discrimination in the work place. Perhaps you have, but you shrugged it off. Many accept it as part of life. If people don't think it through, they subconsciously allow the idea that if you're different, then you're less of a citizen. It doesn't bother some that co-workers can share stories about their domestic life, while those who are different discern a duty to keep secret what is most important to them. With this lack of thought, it goes to reason that if your sexual orientation makes your employer uncomfortable, then by letting your secret known, you lose the right to support yourself.

In the stories of the Best Western, Spice and Pam, there is a common theme of the subjects not wanting to be



identified. They didn't hide their personal preferences from their employers, and they lost their jobs. In order to stabilize their careers, they need to eliminate any possible jeopardy. While they might not go completely back in the closet, they need to keep their sexual identity out of print, and off the Internet.

Another common theme in these stories is that being gay, lesbian or transgender was not the stated cause of employment termination. However, there's evidence to suggest this is the root cause. There will be ways to work around a state law prohibiting discrimination of a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. However, such a law will form a barrier that any human resource director will understand. At the minimum, it sets a tone, and brings awareness to the issue. We are creating a statement that the citizens of Pennsylvania are protected to be who they are. The idea, even among ourselves, that it's our duty to keep our lives a secret, will be questioned. When this idea is considered, its absurdity will be obvious.

### Status of HB 1400 & SB 761

Pennsylvania's legislature is currently considering updating our Human Relations Act to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression." Both branches, the House of Representatives (House) and the Senate, must vote for this legislation, and have each written this up as a bill. Committees in each branch will need to approve their bill before it can be voted on and passed.

The bill in the House, named HB 1400, was referred to the State Government Committee on June 18, 2007. On Sept 22, 2008, it was finally considered, but a few representatives that would have voted for the bill missed the meeting. Due to the lack of support, the bill was never brought up for a vote.

An identical bill in the Senate, named SB 761, was

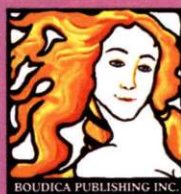
referred to the Judiciary Committee on April 12, 2007, but hasn't moved since. Senator Greenleaf, Chair of the Judiciary Committee, has the responsibility of setting the schedule. His office's communication director could only say that he didn't know if it would be placed on the calendar. The Chief of Staff for Senator Mary Jo White, the vice-chair of the Judiciary Committee, says that Senator White has no say on what goes on the calendar, and the decision rests solely with Senator Greenleaf.

Although the bills in each branch are identical, having both pass will not resolve the legislative process. One bill must pass in both branches. After passing both the House and the Senate, the bill must be signed by the governor to become law. This must be completed by the end of November.

The Senate and the House each have scheduled session days during which to vote on bills. The remaining session days for both legislative branches are October 6th, 7th and 8th. The House has seven additional days scheduled in November.

A bill, within either the Senate or the House, takes three votes to pass, the first being the committee assigned to the bill. In this case, it is the House State Government Committee, or the Senate Judiciary Committee. The second is an initial vote in the House or the Senate itself. The third and final vote is also in the House or Senate.

If you followed all the gripping detail above, you might have calculated that HB 1400 died after not being brought to vote on Sept 22nd. It would need three days to pass through the House. At this point, the earliest this could be completed would be October 7th. Then it would need three days to pass the Senate, but the Senate's last session day is October 8th (it's possible for the senate to vote to have more session days, but this isn't likely).



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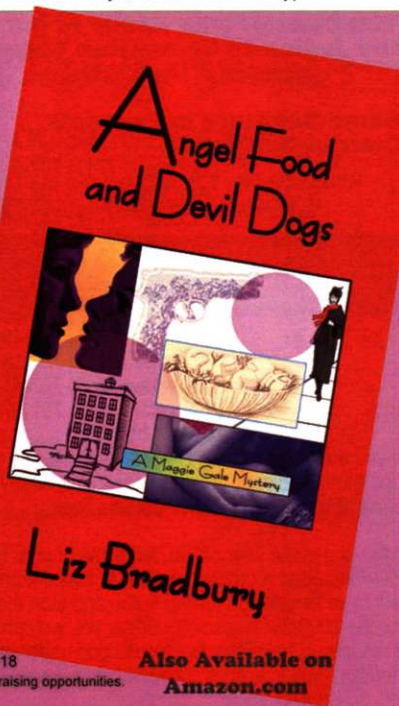
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Committee before the last three Senate session days, then pass the Senate by October 8th. This would send it to the House, which has those additional seven session days in November, to be voted on, and then passed on to the governor.

You can still make this happen. Call your Senator as soon as you read this... like NOW. If it is the middle of the night, you could leave a message and call again tomorrow. Tell your Senator that you want SB 761 to pass. When they try to impress upon you that it does not have a chance, tell them you understand the process (having read about it in the Panzee Press), and see if they agree with you that it is possible. In the words of one legislative office staff member, who didn't want to be quoted, "the bill doesn't have enough ground-swell." It's up to you to give the bill some ground swell. Seriously, you have that cell phone just sitting there in your pocket; it really won't hurt you to make the call. While you're at it, after you call your own Senator, call the Senators who sponsored the bill and are on the Judiciary Committee, and remind them that the bill is there and it should be passed. Call Senator Greenleaf and ask him to put in on the calendar. The good thing going for this bill is that it has many more sponsors than usual. When a bill is first written up, legislators put their names on it and become sponsors of the bill. Since so many legislators are already on board, this bill does have a fighting chance.

**Senators who sponsored bill SB 761 and are on the Judiciary Committee:**

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Dear Tweener,

I met a guy online. How do I go about asking him to meet in person?

Signed,  
Nervous

Dear Nervous,

First of all, I completely understand why you may be nervous. It seems that online is the quickest and most convenient way these days to meet new people. Good? Bad? Who knows, but hell, what other options do we have sometimes???? Suggest meeting in a popular, public busy place like Starbucks. Somewhere like that is safe, easy to find, easy to leave, and not easy for the drama queens to make a scene.

For friends and dating, start with about a half-hour meeting, unless he's not what he said. Then it's perfectly fine to say so, respectfully, and exit. "I'm looking for a work-out partner. I don't recognize you as the athletic guy in the picture. This isn't a match for me, sorry." Keep this first encounter brief. It's just an introduction, NOT a marriage proposal (tell your lesbian friends!). If it goes well, resist staying and pouring your soul out intensely for hours and hours! Don't let them know where you live or work for that matter. A phone number swap is perfectly fine if all goes well. Next, schedule a second, longer meeting. To build a foundation of greater intimacy, try not to have sex the first few meetings (meaning more than 3, and I'm being nice here). It depends on your intentions... one night stand--go for it! Potential partner--don't give away the farm (in other words, keep it in your pants!!!!). Sex can just screw up the whole relationship building block that is essential for a strong and healthy partnership. Great sex should just be a bonus!!!!

The important thing overall is to be aware of expectations. Don't set yourself up to meet the perfect guy of your dreams. Resist the urge to write a love story in your head. Few people will be exactly like they say or look in their profile. Try not to get too disappointed. Keep an open mind along with your sense of humor. Many of us have very specific turn-ons we're looking for. We go around trying to plug others into those flawless images. We can even get mad at them when they don't fit. Remember our wants are about us. They aren't about the other person having deficiencies.

I like to keep my audience informed, so here is some insight I call, "You Are What You Drink, Or Maybe Not?" I think this may be in the Starbucks Employee Handbook, but I'm not sure.

"Double Foam" = Will Swallow

"Decaf" = Total Bottom

"Mocha" = Pedophile

"Chai Tea" = Lesbian

"Frappuccino" = Ice Bitch

"Tiazzo" = Sissy

"Double Shot" = Repeat Offender

"Quarter Pounder with Cheese" = Blonde

"Black, Straight-up" = Size Queen

Own your preferences without putting others down. Try saying "Sorry, I liked the red head in your profile," not "Later, Blondie!" (with a flick of the head and a hand in the air) In general, try to avoid attitude. Most importantly, be yourself and respect others. Then you'll get hits both online and off.

Tweener has a Degree in Psychology and is here to help!  
Send your situational questions today.

DISCLAIMER: The views expressed in this column are the sole opinion of one unique and fantastic lesbian. Tweener is not responsible for any drama caused by the question answers. All names will be kept confidential. Please have a sense of humor sometimes...if you can't laugh at yourself, then someone else will!!!

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# Dignity

## We Are Family

By Fr. Jim Convery, Pastor  
Dignity of the Lehigh Valley

The 1996 movie "The Birdcage" opens with an elaborate drag show scene, featuring the 1979 Sister Sledge song "We Are Family." It sets the stage in a sense for the rest of the film's humorous, ostentatious, and at times, stereotypical portrayal of an established gay couple living in South Miami. It also foreshadows what the film seems to encourage: the viewer's reflection on the role of family in the GLBT community and in society.

While wandering an upstate New York mall with a good friend several years ago, I felt free enough (being far from my "turf") to speak openly about "gay stuff." He gently stopped me and instructed me that when referring to GLBT people like us, I was to use the term "family." "How quaint," I thought to myself. Since then, I've done a fair amount of reflection on my own journey and who we are as a community of GLBT persons, and have come to the conclusion that using the code word "family" is both comforting and challenging. It is comforting to know that as members of a sexual minority, we share a certain bond, perhaps even familial in a way. It is also challenging in that it encourages me personally to recognize that there are many among us who have experienced much emotional pain because of who we are sexually. Many carry with them a fair amount of baggage, (Don't we all? Some more hefty than others) and many in our "family" create the usual family "drama." But, "We are family," nonetheless, are we not? When a close relative of mine was in a crisis, and when that individual created some "drama," I was called upon to offer my assistance because of my experience in pastoral counseling. I saw it as an opportunity to give back to the family that had supported me, and continues to do so.

Writing to the community in Colossae, a region of modern-day Turkey, Paul said this to that

family of believers:

"Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church." (Col. 1:24)  
For Paul, embracing and entering into the sufferings of his brothers and sisters in the faith from that early Christian community was not just seen as an obligation, but a path to rejoicing and holiness. Similar examples from the Hebrew Scripture can be found in the care and concern Moses had on various occasions for the members of his community, blood relatives as well as others in the community, as he pleaded to God for mercy upon his "family" when they had strayed spiritually.

It is so encouraging to me to see the dedication and hard work by so many in our local GLBT community to further our cause toward full inclusion and acceptance in society. But when I hear of GLBT teens in Allentown who are kicked out of their homes when they come out to their parents, when I see so many in our community afflicted with compulsive and self-destructive behaviors without receiving the support they need, I am personally challenged by the work yet to be done. As individuals, we can only do so much. Christians and non-Christians alike should be encouraged and challenged by the universal truth proclaimed by St. Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive." Our "family" depends on us to do so.

Fr. Jim Convery leads the Lehigh Valley chapter of Dignity, a GLBTQ-affirming ministry founded in 1969 for Catholics and their friends. Dignity of the Lehigh Valley meets the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 PM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1900 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Allentown, PA. ([www.DignityLHV.blogspot.com](http://www.DignityLHV.blogspot.com))

DignityUSA envisions and works for a time when Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics are affirmed and experience dignity through the integration of their spirituality with their sexuality, and as beloved persons of God participate fully in all aspects of life within the Church and Society.





## Christopher Peterson @ Club XS

Club XS debuted their new stage curtain during the Christopher Peterson Show on Sept 12th. The club plans many theater performances as an addition to the entertainment use of their large, well kept space. The many who have seen Peterson before were delighted that he went even further with his talent and entertainment skills. The "virgins" in the audience came with high expectations since friends told them how worthwhile the night of illusion would be. Their expectations were surpassed when they discovered that Peterson's live singing was in itself not an illusion, nor was the man who appeared and continued to entertain as the impersonated females came to life, transformed and dissolved in front of the audience's eyes. Peterson hinted, and Club owner Joel acknowledged, of a return performance at Christmastime.



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### Audience

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- 2) Scott, Christopher Peterson, Ronnie, Scott
- 3) Cliff, Bernie, Mathew
- 4) Art, John, Sam, Steve
- 5) David, John, Bill, Luis





# Candidate for State Senate

By John Campbell



Judy Hirsh is running for the 15th State Senatorial District. In April, she won her primary with an impressive 64% of the vote and is now running against Senator Jeff Piccola, a long-term member of the State Senate known for his conservative views.

I sat down with Judy to ask her about her family, her professional background, and her ideas for Pennsylvania.

**John:** What was your childhood like?

**Judy:** I was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Elkins Park, Montgomery County. I grew up going to school and working at my parents' small business. My dad worked in manufacturing, and then when those jobs declined, he started a small business. When the first business failed due to competition with the big-box, chain stores, he and my mom started another small business. They worked everyday, making sure that my brother, sister, and I had the opportunities that they didn't have, particular when it came to education.

**John:** Was education important to you?

**Judy:** Of course! I always liked school when I was young and later when I went to college. I bagged groceries while I went to Penn State for my undergraduate degree. I wanted to put my education to good use, so after I completed my master's degree in public administration from Penn State, I came to Harrisburg to work for the House Appropriations Committee as a budget analyst. But I wasn't done with school – I left state government work to attend the Dickinson School of Law. After graduating from law school in 1990, I practiced business law for four years.

**John:** How did you end up owning a small business?

**Judy:** My husband had started the business before I met him. After practicing law for four years, while we were building our family, I decided to go to work with my husband in our real estate consulting business. I manage the day-to-day financial affairs. With our business, I have experienced the challenges that all small business owners face – keeping a payroll and budget (especially in tough economic times like these), dealing with the skyrocketing costs of health care, and creating family-



**John:** What role does family play in your life?

**Judy:** Like a lot of Central Pennsylvanians, my family is central to my life. Along with my family business, I have been incredibly involved with my family's development, namely in making sure that my children receive good opportunities so they can grow up to have good, productive lives, hopefully in this area. I have three children – Max, Ali, and Jack. In particular, I wanted to make sure that they received a good education like I did. I got involved in my children's community-based school, the Londonderry School, and became the school's president.

**John:** So it was through your family that you got involved in the community?

**Judy:** Yes, more or less. I worked hard to improve education in our region for my children and all children. I led a \$2.5 million effort to expand and develop Londonderry School's facilities and programs, including the construction of the community's first "green," environmentally-sustainable school. Additionally, I serve on the board of the Harrisburg Humane Society, where we work to prepare the organization for future development. I also serve in various roles in the Harrisburg Jewish community. I've always worked hard to improve Central Pennsylvania, and I have experienced a need for change through my community involvement.

**John:** Why are you running for state senate?

**Judy:** I'm tired of self-serving politicians in Harrisburg who are more concerned with increasing their own pensions and perks than with working to bring solutions to the problems that impact our lives. I'm tired of people using politics to dictate decisions that individuals, not the government, should make. We need new leadership that understands what is truly going on in our community.

**John:** What would your priorities be in the state senate?

**Judy:** I want to bring change on the issues that affect my life and the lives of other Central Pennsylvanians – I understand what the rising cost of energy and utilities does to a family budget, what the rising cost of healthcare does to small businesses and to families, what the lack of support for public education does to our kids' futures. I will fight for true government reform, new alternative energy policies aimed at lowering energy costs, and more affordable healthcare including for small businesses. Please visit my website, [www.judyhirsh.com](http://www.judyhirsh.com), to learn more about community-driven campaign and my plans for our community's future.





# ART ASSOCIATION OF HARRISBURG

By Carrie Wissler-Thomas



## ASSOCIATION EXHIBITIONS SHINE AT ALTERNATIVE SITES

Most art lovers in the area are familiar with The Art Association of Harrisburg's galleries in the historic Governor Findlay

Mansion at 21 North Front Street. However, it's



*Works by John Bowermaster are being displayed in the Courthouse through October*

good to be reminded that AAH presents exhibitions in a variety of "alternative sites" in the area. Here is a sampling of what's to see when you visit these additional locations....

At the Dauphin County Courthouse, corner of Front and Market Streets, John Bowermaster is currently showing his colourful abstract paintings through October 31, Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds offices. Landscape painter Steve Wetzel will follow Bowermaster as the next exhibitor, with his works on view there through the end of January.

At Reservoir Mansion, 100 Concert Drive in Reservoir Park, abstract painter PJ Gorman's paintings are on view through November 15. Starting November 22, attorney Spero Lapps will exhibit his photos of Egypt there. In the lovely atrium of Penn National Insurance, 2 North Second



*Governor's Garden by William Kocher, displayed in the Governor's Residence through October*

Street, Chet Davis's large expressionist paintings will be showcased through October 31, followed by mixed media works by Elaine Brady Smith, November 1 through January 30, 2009.

Acclaimed plein air painter John David Wissler curated a very special exhibition, titled "Pennsylvania Landscapes," which opened at the Governor's Residence on Gallery Walk day, and may still be enjoyed through October 31. For a tour of the Residence, call 772-9130. Artists whose paintings are included in this prestigious exhibition are JD Wissler himself, Susan Benigni-Landis, Jonathan Frazier, Michael Heberlein, David R. Henry, Carol Herr, James McNally, William Kocher, Linda and Frank Rump, Annie Strickler, Steve Wetzel, and this writer... Carrie Wissler-Thomas. If you miss the Landscape Exhibition at the Governor's home, you can catch it at Whitaker Centre for Science and the Arts, where it will be moved on November 7, remaining on view there through January 23.



Rounding out the AAH offerings in community locations is an exhibition of the photography of Jeff Wiles at the Downtown Improvement District's Visitors' Centre, corner of Walnut and North Second Street.

Call the Art Association of Harrisburg at 717-236-1432 for more information on all the shows. And while you're at it, stop in at the 21 North Front Street gallery to enjoy the new four-artist Invitational Exhibition October 17-November 20, featuring oils and photographs. Anyone who says there's no art to see in Harrisburg is wearing blinders



## Central Pennsylvania LGBT Community Center

October 11th marks an annual celebration for members of LGBT communities to participate in a process of openness and honesty, claiming the undeniable dignity of each person's core; it is time once again for National Coming Out Day. Currently a project of the Human Rights Campaign ([www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)), National Coming Out Day has been celebrated since 1988.

As you may already know, the LGBT Center Coalition is teaming up with the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus to offer festivities in celebration of National Coming Out Day. The Center Coalition is hosting speaker Beth Stroud on Friday, October 10th from 7-8 PM at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, and the Womyn's Chorus is hosting musician Tret Fure on Saturday, October 11th at 7:30 PM at the Unity Church in Enola.

The Center Coalition believes Beth's story to be a unique one for local LGBT communities to hear this Coming Out Day. As a minister at the First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG), a significant part of her coming out experience was the public telling of her story to the congrega-

tion there. Beth preached a sermon in April 2003, in which she first publicly revealed her relationship with another woman, Chris Paige, to parishioners of FUMCOG. While the congregation offered nearly universal support, the United Methodist Church took away Beth's credentials after she endured a church trial lasting about two years.

After this happened, FUMCOG hired Beth as a lay minister, where she continued to teach the confirmation class and occasionally preach, until her recent decision to leave that role and continue academic pursuits.

Beth Stroud's story is compelling, involving the tenderness of an accepting church community doing the right thing by offering support in a time of strife, and reminding us of the difficult reality that oppression exists, even in the religious institutions we entrust with spreading a message of love and acceptance. We are encouraged when we hear stories about the quiet strength of LGBT leaders disclosing their identities at last, risking both public and personal consequences. We might even be inspired to model a life of openness and come-out to those in our own circles.

This is an educational program for the community, and we will be asking for a \$5 donation at the door only to cover the cost of the event. We hope this will be a time of solidarity and encouragement, which we are most excited to offer this National Coming Out Day.



## Capital Region Stonewall Democrats

By Jeff Welshans

From the home office in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, here are the Capital Region Stonewall Democrats Cheers & Jeers for the month:

**JEERS** to 32-year incumbent and "Marriage Protection Amendment" sponsor State Senator Jeff Piccola. Piccola has allowed an expected 34% jump in electricity rates by 2010 while he has taken thousands of dollars from utility companies in campaign contributions.

Conversely, **CHEERS** to Piccola's opponent, Judy Hirsh. Judy is a community leader, small business owner, and working mom, who understands what the rising cost of energy and utilities does to a family's budget. Judy, unanimously endorsed by CRSD, is not a typical politician and understands the need for serious change in Harrisburg.

**JEERS** to Hazleton Mayor, Lou Barletta, and his run for Congress. After his "leadership" left Hazleton with a massive amount of debt, unemployment, and vacant commercial real estate, Barletta decided it was time for him to move on to Washington. As for his signature issue of "saving" his city from an illegal immigrant crime wave? In reality, police reports show that since 2002 less than 1% of crimes in Hazleton were committed by illegal immigrants. The real reason for the up tick in crime? As mayor, Barletta cut the city's police force in half. Hmm, blaming others for a problem you created.... maybe Barletta is ready for Washington after all!

**CHEERS** to the Democrats who helped kill the Republicans' at-

tempt to privatize Social Security a few years ago? Thank goodness Social Security is still, well, secure, instead of being in the hands of the Wall Street people who brought about the collapse of Bear Sterns, and Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac, and Lehman Brothers, and....

**JEERS** to the Log Cabin Republicans for endorsing John McCain for President. Let's review McCain's record on LGBT issues, shall we?

- \* Against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act
  - \* Against ending "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
  - \* Against the Matthew Shepard Anti-Hate Crimes Act
  - \* Against partnership recognition of any kind
  - \* Against partner immigration rights
  - \* Against any repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act
  - \* For anti-gay state constitutional amendments such as those in California, Florida and Arizona
  - \* Will appoint anti-LGBT judges like Justice Scalia and Alito
- And as for Sarah Palin? Her church is hosting a conference that promises to convert gays into heterosexuals through the power of prayer.
- Our prayer is that the Log Cabin Republicans will get a clue one of these years...

Meanwhile, here in the sane world, **CHEERS** to the Stonewall Democrats for endorsing Barack Obama. For equal time, here is where Obama stands on LGBT issues:

- \* Supports ENDA  
(including protection based on gender identity)
- \* Supports ending "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
- \* Supports the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Act



- \* Supports equal benefits for same-sex couples
- \* Supports partner immigration rights
- \* Supports full repeal of DOMA
- \* Against anti-gay state constitutional amendments such as those in California, Florida and Arizona
- \* Will appoint pro-LGBT judges like Justice Stevens and Ginsburg

**CHEERS** to the thousands of New Yorkers, Marylanders, Dela-

wareans, and New Jerseyites who travel to Pennsylvania every weekend to volunteer for Obama's campaign to help make sure PA stays blue on November 4th.

Finally, **CHEERS** to the light at the end of the tunnel. As much as we love politics, even we can't wait for the Presidential election season to end. So, bring on the 2010 Pennsylvania Governor's race!



**Equality Advocates Pennsylvania**  
formerly the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights

Moving the Ball Forward in the Statehouse

By: Jake Kaskey, Equality Advocates Pennsylvania

As the summer months come to a close, and the temperature begins to fall, our focus has again moved squarely onto the state legislature and the few remaining days lawmakers will be in session for the rest of this year. Legislators just might be preoccupied with their own re-election over the next two months, but we as an LGBT community have something entirely different to think about.

House Bill 1400 was introduced just over one year ago, and would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to include protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity and expression in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Since then, a record number of co-sponsors have signed-on to support the legislation, and public hearings were held across the state specifically to discuss this bill. The Value All Families Coalition, Women's Law Project, ACLU, members of the clergy, PFLAG parents, Philadelphia Bar Association, and many others all testified in support of this important bill, and thousands of letters and phone calls from you and other allies poured into legislative offices asking lawmakers to take a stand against discrimination.

Momentum clearly has built around passing this important and landmark legislation in the Commonwealth, and with an election looming, the amount of time left to pass this bill in the House this session is quickly dwindling.

You've read it here, you've seen the e-mails, and you've been asked this before—but now is truly the time to call and visit your legislators about this issue before it's too late. We are pushing and hoping for a vote on this important bill this session, but will only be successful if all of us—gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer—forcefully show our support for the legislation.

Leading to this point we've had great suc-

cess garnering support and gaining momentum around this issue because all types of people, from all different organizations, from all different backgrounds, all came together to further the cause of LGBT equality. Only together can we make this aggressive push to see this legislation finally passed out of the Statehouse.

Sometimes the process is slower than we'd like, and sometimes it gets tiring to send another e-mail and make another phone call to your lawmaker's office, but together we can really make an impact and move the ball forward in the Pennsylvania Statehouse for LGBT equality.

For your legislator's contact information, to send an e-mail, or for talking points on House Bill 1400, just visit our website at <http://equalitypa.org> or e-mail Jake at [jkaskey@equalitypa.org](mailto:jkaskey@equalitypa.org) with questions.

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<b>Blue Bistro &amp; Wine Bar</b> 1313 N. 2nd St. (717) 909-6500 Mon-Sat 4p-10p <a href="#">BlueWineBar.com</a>	<b>Manheim</b> The Dawg Haus 168 S. Main St. (717) 665-0069 Thu-Sun: 6p-2a <a href="#">MySpace</a> <a href="#">^TheDawgHaus</a>	Vision of Hope MCC 130 East Main St. (VOH-MCC) Mountville, PA 17554 (717) 285-9070 <a href="#">visionofhopemcc.org</a>	Pennsmen <a href="#">Pennsmen.org</a>  TransCentralPA <a href="#">transcentralpa.org</a>	<b>TUESDAYS</b> Brownstone Free Darts Red Star 10:00 pm Trivia Stallions 9:00 pm Trivia MCCotS 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal VOH-MCC 7:00pm Joyful Noise Choir
<b>Liquid 891</b> 891 Eisenhower (717) 939-3590 Thu 5p-Midnight Fri, Sat 5p-2a Sun 11a-Midnight <a href="#">Liquid891.com</a>	<b>Lancaster</b> The Tally Ho 201 W. Orange St. (717) 299-0661 Daily: 8p - 2a  Sundown Lounge 429 N. Mulberry St. Lancaster, PA	UCH: Unitarian Chch of Harrisburg 1280 Clover Lane Harrisburg, PA 17113 (717) 564-4761 <a href="#">HarrisburgUU.org</a>  Unitarian Universal. of Lancaster (UUCL) 538 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA 17603 (717) 393-1733 <a href="#">interweave.lancaster</a> <a href="#">^pa@gmail.com</a>  Unitarian Universal. of Gettysburg 136 S. Statton St. Gettysburg, PA (717) 334-2929 <a href="#">uugettysburg.org</a>	Renaissance of South Eastern PA (ROSE) (717) 332-1247 130 Main Street Mountville, PA <a href="#">RenaissanceSEPa</a> <a href="#">^@AOL.com</a>  Rainbow Bowling League ABC East Lanes 1001 Eisenhower Harrisburg, PA (717) 877-2659	<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> Brownstone Free Pool Club XS Cash Bingo Neptune's Free Buffet Stallions 9:00 pm Karaoke Strawberry 7:30 pm Bingo MCCotS 7:00 pm Bible Study Volley Ball 7:00 pm Volley Ball \$3
<b>Neptune's Lounge</b> 268 North St. (717) 233-0581 Every Day: 5p-2a  Stallions 716 N. 3rd St. (717) 232-3060 Daily: 7p-2a <a href="#">StallionsClub.com</a>  704 Strawberry Café 714 N. 3rd St. (717) 234-4228 Daily: 4p-2a	<b>Spring Grove</b> Altland's Ranch 8505 Orchard Rd. (717) 225-4479 Fri,Sat 8p-2a <a href="#">AltlandsRanch.com</a>	<b>Youth Group</b> Common Roads CmmnRds Hbg 221 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA CmmnRds Lanc. 538 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA 17403 (717) 920-9534 <a href="#">CommonRoads.org</a>  S.A.L.E. Student Advocating LGBTa Equality Shippensburg <a href="#">ship.edu/~msa</a> <a href="#">^SALE.htm</a>  Penn State Capital Alliance <a href="#">kma225@psu.edu</a> <a href="#">hbg.psu.edu/clubs/capitalalliance/</a>  <b>BUSINESS</b> Central PA Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce 3111 N. Front St Harrisburg, PA 17110 (717) 213-5034 <a href="#">CPGLCC.org</a>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> Central PA Womyn's Chorus <a href="#">CPWCchorus.org</a>  HBG Men's Chorus <a href="#">HarrisburgMens</a> <a href="#">^Chorus.org</a>  Art Assoc. HBG 21 N. Front Street Harrisburg 717-236-1444 <a href="#">ArtAssoc</a> <a href="#">OfHbg.com</a>  Meat Locker Art Gallery 923 N. third St. Harrisburg, PA 3.12 <a href="#">ThreeTwelve.net</a>  Arthouse Lounge 217 N. 2nd St. Harrisburg, PA  <b>PRIDE</b> Pride CP Pride Festival of Central PA <a href="#">Harrisburg</a> <a href="#">^Pride.org</a>  Lancaster Pride <a href="#">LancasterPride</a> <a href="#">^2008.org</a>	<b>THURSDAYS</b> Blue Bistro 6:00pm Wine & Cheese Tstg Brownstone 8:00 pm Trivia Club XS College Night 18+ Dawg Haus 9:00 pm Bingo Liquid 891 8:00pm Bingo Strawberry 9:30 pm Karaoke MCCoftheSpirit 7:00 Priase Team MCCoftheSpirit Prayer Group Fern & Laura's Home VOH-MCC 8:00 pm AA Meeting Penn State Capital 5p Library Rm 302 Alliance / Middltn Weekly Meeting
<b>HEALTH</b> ACA: AIDS Community Alliance of S. Central PA 401 Division St #100 Harrisburg, PA 17110 (800) 867-1550 <a href="#">ACA-PA.com</a>  Caring Together (CarTog) HIV Care Collaboration (717) 851-3643 <a href="#">familyfirsthealth</a> <a href="#">^org/ctprogram.html</a>  Lambda AA Gay & Lesbian AA Friends Meeting House 6th and Herr St Harrisburg Jim H. 717-379-3828  <b>PAGEANT</b> Miss Gay America MissGay <a href="#">^America.com</a>	<b>COMMUNITY</b> LGBT Center 200 North 3rd St, Flr 8 P.O.Box 678 Harrisburg, PA, 17108 <a href="#">CentralPaLgbt</a> Center.org  Rainbow Rose Community (717) 380-1071 <a href="#">@RainbowPet</a> Creations 305 N. Queen St. Lancaster <a href="#">RainbowRose</a> <a href="#">^Community.org</a>  <b>Political</b> Stonewall Dmcrats <a href="#">CapitalStonewall.org</a>  Rainbow EquUality Advocates Lay Led Ministry of the Unitarian Church of Hbg AlannaBerger@ Hotmail.com			



# South Central Pennsylvania

Weekly Events		Special Events		
FRIDAYS	Sat Oct 4	Sat Oct 11	Sat Oct 18	Fri Oct 31
Liquid 891 5:00 pm Hot Flash Fridays For Women of the 70's, 80's, and 90's	Liquid 891 9:00 pm Shaashawn Dial Club XS 2nd Anniversary	Liquid 891 8:30 pm Feel Your Boobies CPWC @Unity Church Tret Fure Concert	Brownstone 3rd Sat Bear Night Mon Oct 20	Dawg Haus 11p Halloween Show Club XS Halloween Party
ArtHouse Lounge 3:00 PM SOEX Exhibition Common Roads 7:00 PM @UUC of Lanc. Safe Space for youth Lambda AA Meeting 8:00 pm	Crystal Waters CPWC 4:30 pm @Col Park UCC Spaghetti Dinner cpwchorus.org TransCentralPA 5:30pm Dinner @Café Fresco 2nd Street, Hbg	Pennsmen @CCs Leather Fetish Club SALE Pride Festival Ceddia Union Building Sun Oct 12 VOH-MCC noon Jubilation Praise Team	CPGLCC 6:30p 3rd Wk Board of Directors Tue Oct 21 MCCoftheSpirit Homosexuality and The Bible 7:00pm Fri Oct 24	Liquid 891 All Night Rocky Horror Picture Show MCC of the Spirit Scrabble 7p Last Wk Common Roads Halloween Party In Lancaster 7p
SATURDAYS	Sat Oct 4	Sat Oct 11	Sat Oct 18	Sat Nov 1
Stallions: Ladies Ngt in Twin Peaks Bar ArtHouse Lounge SOEX Exhib. 3:00 pm	Stonewall Dems noon Obama/Hirsh canvas Stonewall Dems 9:00p @Stallions Judy Hirsh Night	3.12 10:30 AM @ MCCoftheSpirit Special Music Pennsmen 4p 2nd Sun @Neptunes Meeting	Liquid 891 10:00 pm 891 Comedy Night Altland's Ranch Karaoke 4th Week Club XS 4th Week Ladies Night (only) Rooms/Dancefloor Common Roads 7:00pm Art Speaker Lanc. And Hbg	TransCentralPA 8p Group Meeting Sun Nov 2 Club XS 4p 1st Wk Ladies Tea Dance Drag King Contest Free Food, Pool VOH-MCC 5p 1st Wk Men's Group
SUNDAYS	Sun Oct 5	Mon Oct 13	Sat Oct 25	Wed Nov 5
Club XS 10:00 pm Service Industry Night Liquid 891 11:00 Brunch Stallions All Age Dance MCCoftheSpirit Service 9am, 10:30 am, 7pm UCH Services 9:15am, 11:00 am VOH-MCC 10:00am Service HBG Mens Chorus 7:00 pm Reheasal Unitarian Church	Sun Oct 5 Club XS 4pm 1st Sun Ladies Tea Dance Drag King Contest Free Food, Pool VOH-MCC 5:00pm 1st Sun Men's Group Wed Oct 8 Miss Gay America 2009 Pageant 5-day event St. Louis, Missouri Thu Oct 9	Mon Oct 13 MCCofthe Spirit Sharing Our Caring Dinner 6:30p 2nd Mon MCCofthe Spirit AIDS Consumers Group 5:00p 2nd Mon Tue Oct 14 MCCoftheSpirit Homosexuality and The Bible 7:00pm Wed Oct 15 MCC of the Spirit 6:00p 3rd Wed Board Meeting	Sat Oct 25 Altland's Ranch 8p Halloween Party MCC of the Spirit 7p Pinnochle Last Wk Sun Oct 26 Club XS 6:00p 4th Wk Black, Blue & Bears VOH-MCC 11a 4th Wk HIV/AIDS Support Grp VOH-MCC 12p 4th Wk Jubilation Praise Tm	HIV Support 6p 1st Wk Mulberry Art Stud. 21 N. Mulberry St. Lancaster. Chris (717) 397-0370 Fri Nov 7 Altland's Ranch 1st Wk Slow Dance Every Hour
Speical Events	Fri Oct 3	Fri Oct 10	Mon Oct 27	Sat Nov 8
Liquid 891 9:00 pm Studs Magazine Club XS 11:0 pm Leatherman and Bearman Dance Party Dawg Haus 11:00 pm Breast Cancer Benefit Altland's Ranch Slow Dance Every Hour 1st Fri UU of Harrisburg Concert with Coyote Run Rainbow Rose PDN Photo Project Get Your Picture 3.12 7:30 pm In Concert @Crimson Frog Common Roads 7:00 PM City Island Arcade Harrisburg Common Roads 7:00 PM First Friday Lancaster	Fri Oct 3 Rainbow Rose 7:00 PM 2nd Thu Meeting Fri Oct 10 Club XS 9p 2nd Fri Swingers Meet & Greet until Close Liquid 891 9:30pm Friction Broadcast Club XS 10:30p 2nd Fri Ms Biscuit and her Double D's Drag Show Altland's Ranch Beer & Free Pizza LGBT Center 7:00pm Market Sq. Presby Hsting Beth Stroud ROSE Transgender 8p 2nd Fri Meeting Common Roads 7:00 PM Hiking at HACC Harrisburg 7:00 PM Coffeehouse Night Lancaster	Fri Oct 10 HIV Support 6:30p Mulberry Art Stud. 21 N. Mulberry St. Lancaster. Chris (717) 397-0370 3rd Wk Thu Oct 16 MDAS @Stallions Miss PA MDAS Fri Oct 17 Club XS 9:00p 3rd Fri Swingers Club Sexy Cool Meet & Greet Liquid 891 10:00pm 891 Divas; 2 tons fun Altland's Ranch Country Line Dance LGBT Center 7:00p York Harvest Party Rainbow Rose PDN Photo Project Display updated with Lancaster photos MDAS @Stallions Miss PA MDAS	Mon Oct 27 VOH-MCC 11a 4th Wk HIV/AIDS Support Tue Oct 28 MCCoftheSpirit 7p Homosexuality and The Bible Lancaster Pride Support Pride Night @ Isaac's Last Wk Pride CP 7:30p 4th Wk Parade Meeting Wed Oct 29 Club XS 7:00p Halloween Bingo	Pennsmen @Neptunes Leather Fetish Club Sun Nov 9 VOH-MCC 12p 2nd Wk Jubilation Priase Tm Pennsmen 4p 2nd Wk Meeting @Neptunes Mon Nov 10 MCCofthe Spirit Sharing Our Caring Dinner 6:30a 2nd Wk MCCofthe Spirit 5:00 PM 2ndWeek AIDS Consumers Grp

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**Panzee**  
**PanzeePress.com**



# Lehigh Valley & Berks County

SPIRITUAL	Reading Pride <a href="#">ReadingPride</a> <a href="#">Celebration.com</a>	Weekly Events		Special Events	
		WEDNESDAYS	Sun Oct 5	Fri Oct 17	
MCCLV: Metropol. Community Church of the Lehigh Valley 930 N. 4th St. 1st Flr Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 709-8800 <a href="#">mcclv.org</a>	<b>PRIDE FESTIVAL</b> Pride GLV Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley 1101 W. Hamilton St. (610) 770-6200 <a href="#">PrideGLV.org</a>	Red Star 10:00p	MCCLV 1st Wk	Stonewall 3rd Fri	
		Trivia	Property Committee	Hot Strippers	
		Stonewall 10:00p	FACT 11:30a	Takeover Lehigh	
		Karaoke	Lehigh Valley AIDS	6:30p Dinner	
		MCCLV 7:00p	Walk @Bethlhm	@Tsang's Asian Bis	
Dignity of the Lehigh Valley Meetings at St. Andrew's Episcopal 1900 Pennsylvania Allentown, PA <a href="#">DignityLVH</a> <a href="#">Blogspot.com</a>	Miss Drag All-Star Syrena Daniels (610) 573-8315 P.O. Box 463 Shillington, PA 19607 MissDrag <a href="#">AllStar.com</a>	Tejes Women's	Rose Garden	2730 Walbert Ave	
		HAVEN 7:00 pm		MDAS	
		@ UUCLV Rm304	Tue Oct 7	@Stallions Hbg	
		SPECTRUM 5:30p	PFLAG 7p 1st Wk	Miss PA MDAS	
		@48 S. 4th Street	@Allentown		
Takeover LV <a href="#">Takeoverlv.com</a>	<b>HEALTH</b> Fighting AIDS Continuously Together (FACT) 245 N. 12th Street Allentown, PA 18105 (610) 820-5519 <a href="#">Factlv.org</a>	Youth Support Grp	First Presby Church Meeting	Sat Oct 18	
				PA Diversity Nwk 9a	
		THURSDAYS		@5K Cancer Classic	
		Stonewall 7:30 pm	Wed Oct 8	Little Lehigh Parkway	
		Pump Night 18+	FACT 7p 2nd Wk		
Gay and Lesbian Organized Sports Society (GLOSS) <a href="#">GLOSS.org</a>	<b>COMMUNITY</b> PA Diversity Nwk P.O. Box 22902 Lehigh Valley PA 18002 (610)-HELP-123 <a href="#">PADiversity.org</a>	Diamondz 10:00 pm	Fundrsing Meeting	Sun Oct 19	
		Pool League	220 Bl of N 12th	Reading Railmen	
		Diamondz		@ Red Star 3rd Sun	
		Karaoke 10:00 pm	Fri Oct 10		
		GLOSS ValleyBall 7p	GOBAB 8:45p 2nd Wk	Mon Oct 20	
LV Bears Lehigh Valley Bears 610-432-0706	Networking and Support LVQueerSupport. <a href="#">blogspot.com</a>	Catasauqua Park	Bowling: Rose Bowl	FACT 7p 3rd Mon	
		GLOSS 7:30 pm	Bowladrome	Board Meeting	
		Racquetball	15th & Sumner Ave	200 Bl of N 12th	
		@LV Racquet & Ftn	Reading Railmen	Reading Pride 7p	
		6th and Union sts.	30th Anniversary Run	@Canal St. Pub	
Gentlemen of Berks and Beyond gobab.org	Youth Group Haven Youth Group Universalist Church 424 Center Street Bethlehem Havenyouthgroup <a href="#">@hotmail.com</a> <a href="#">uucclvpa.org/haven</a>	Rainbow Bowling		535 Canal St. Rdg	
		ABC East, Hbg 8:50p	Sat Oct 11	Pride Planning Mtg.	
		FRIDAYS	Renaissance 8p 2nd Wk		
		Diamondz 10:00 pm	@Moose Lounge	Thu Oct 23	
		Karaoke	Transgender Meet&Grt.	Pride GLV 7p 4th Thu	
Reading Railmen <a href="#">www.reading</a> <a href="#">Railmen.com</a>	Planned Parenthd of North East PA SPECTRUM LGBT Youth Spprt 48 South 4th St. 2nd Flr Reading, PA PPNEP.org		Reading Railmen	Board Meeting	
		SATURDAYS	30th Anniv. Banquet		
		Diamondz 10:00 pm		Sat Oct 25	
		Karaoke	Sun Oct 12	GOBAB 8p	
		GLOSS 8:00 pm	Dignity 7p 2nd Wk	Rocky Horror	
BARS / CLUBS Allentown	Alvernia GSA 400 St. Bernardine St. Reading, PA 19607 <a href="#">brou3391</a> <a href="#">@alvernia.edu</a>	Racquetball	@St. Andrew's	House Party	
		@LV Racquet & Ftn	Episcopal Church		
		6th and Union sts.	1900 Penn. Ave	Sun Oct 26	
			Dignity 7p	Dignity 7p 4th Sun	
		SUNDAYS	@Church of St. Luke	Catholic Liturgy	
Stonewall 28 North 10th St. (610) 432-0215 Tue-Sun: 7p-2a <a href="#">TheStonewall.com</a>	Candida's 247 N. 12th St. Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 434-3071	Stonewall 10 p	& The Epiphany Philly		
		Karaoke	PA Diversity Nwk 7p	Fri Oct 31	
		Twist 10:00 pm	@Muhlenburg Coll.	Diamondz Last Fri	
		Karaoke	Egner Mem. Chapel	Latin Night	
		MCCLV 9:00 am	Rally against Hate	Sat Nov 1	
Bethlehem Diamondz 1913 West Broad St. (610) 865 1028 <a href="#">diamondz.net</a>	Reading Red Star Saloon 11 S. 10th. St. (610) 375-4116 Wed-Sat: 9p-2a	Men's Breakfast	Reading Railmen	LV Bears 8p 1st Sat	
		Perkins on	30th Anniversary	@ Moose Lounge	
		Lehigh St Allentwn	Farewell Brunch	Meeting	
		MCCLV 10:30a, 6p			
		Sunday Service	Mon Oct 13	Sun Nov 2	
Reading Red Star Saloon 11 S. 10th. St. (610) 375-4116 Wed-Sat: 9p-2a	MUSIC & ARTS Lehigh Vally Gay Men's Chorus (610) 366-3320 <a href="#">LVGMC.org</a>	Choir Practice	MCCLV 7pm 2nd Wk	MCCLV 1st Sun	
		After Service	Board Meeting	Property Committee	
		GLOSS Tennis 5p	Reading Pride 7p		
		Muhlenberg Collg	@Café Waldorf	Tue Nov 4	
		22nd & Turner Sts.	658 N 6th St. Rdg	PFLAG	
Reading Red Star Saloon 11 S. 10th. St. (610) 375-4116 Wed-Sat: 9p-2a	Special Events Sat Oct 4		Fundraising Meeting	7:00 PM 1stWeek	
		MCCLV 7p		@Allentown	
		Annual Banquet	Thu Oct 16	First Presby Church	
		@Lee Gribben's	PA Diversity Nwk	Meeting	
		GOBAB 8:30p	Gay History Pottsville		
Lehigh Vally Gay Men's Chorus (610) 366-3320 <a href="#">LVGMC.org</a>	MDAS @Stallions Hbg Miss PA MDAS	Field of Screams	PFLAG	Sat Nov 8	
		LV Bears 8p 1st Wk		MCCLV 11:00 am	
		@ Moose Lounge		Brunch Fundraiser	
				Renaissance 8p	
				@Moose Lounge	
Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus (610) 366-3320 <a href="#">LVGMC.org</a>	Transgend Meet&Grt.				



**BARS / CLUBS**  
**Sunbury**  
 CCs  
 555 Klinger Rd.  
 (570) 286-6022  
 MySpace:  
 ^OfficialCCsBar

**Williamsport**  
 Club Z  
 321 Pine St.  
 Tue-Sat 6p - 2a  
 (570) 322-6900  
 clubzbar.com

Weekly Events	Special Events
WEDNESDAYS	Fri Oct 3
Club Z 10p Karaoke	CCs 10p Karaoke
THURSDAYS	Fri Oct 17
Club Z 9p Open Mike	CCs 10p Karaoke
FRIDAYS	Sat Oct 18
Club Z 10p Karaoke	Club Z 8p The Sirens
AIDS Resource	
520 W Fourth St #2A	Fri Oct 31
Williamsport, PA	CCs 10p Karaoke
(570) 322-8448	
AIDSResource.com	

## West Maryland

**SOCIAL**  
 Community Triangle  
 40 W. Church St.  
 Hagerstown, MD  
 (301) 733-1465  
 community  
 ^Trinagle.org

Hagerstown TGs  
 Transgender  
 TerriLeeTG  
 ^@Yahoo.com

Tini Lounge  
 Happy Hour Club  
 The Gormet Goat  
 41 N. Potomac St.  
 Hagerstown, MD  
 (301) 790-2343

### MONDAYS

AA 7:30p  
 @Charles Town  
 Presbyterian Church  
 220 E. Washington

### TUESDAYS

AA 7:30p Metropolitan  
 Community Church  
 15817 Barnesville Rd  
 Boyds, MD

AA 6:30pm  
 @New Light MCC  
 Positive Influence  
 6:30p HIV/AIDS Suppt

### WEDNESDAYS

GGs 4:30p Tini Lnge  
 New Light MCC  
 6:00 pm pot luck  
 7:00 Worship  
 7:30 Bible Study

### THURSDAYS

Deer Park Karaoke  
 Fusion: Ultra Lnge

### SATURDAYS

New Light MCC 9:30a  
 Food & Friends  
 Meal Distribution  
 New Image 6:00p  
 @New Light MCC  
 Narcotics Anonym.

**BARS**  
 Deer Park Lodge  
 21614 National Pike  
 Boonsboro, MD  
 (301) 797-7672  
 Thu, Fri, Sat  
 DeerParkLodge.net

Fusion Ultra Lounge  
 10 W. College Ter  
 Frederick, MD  
 Thursday Nights  
 (301)695-7200

**SPIRITUAL**  
 New Light MCC  
 40 W. Church St  
 Hagerstown, MD  
 (301) 797-5698  
 NewLightMCC.com

### SUNDAYS

New Light MCC 10:30  
 Sunday Worship  
 Out for Fun  
 Volleyball 3:00p  
 Alcoholics Anon  
 3:00 PM  
 @Shepherdstown  
 Presbyterian Church  
 King & Washington  
 (304) 728-7663

### Speical Events

Thu Oct 2  
 New Light MCC  
 Emergent Church  
 Worship 7:30p

Fri Oct 3	Thu Oct 30
Deer Park 1st Fri	Community Triangle
Ghetto&Glamour Shw	6:30 PM LastWeek
	Dinner Out
Mon Oct 6	301-739-1465
New Light MCC	
12:30 PM 1stWeek	Mon Nov 3
@HagrstwnComCtr	New Light MCC
Insight Meditation	12:30 PM 1stWeek
	@HagrstwnComCtr
	Insight Meditation

Fri Oct 10  
 Deer Park Lodge  
 Retro Night 2nd Fri

**HEALTH**  
 Positive Influence  
 40 W. Church St.  
 Hagerstown, MD  
 positive  
 Influence.org

New Image  
 12 Steps  
 40 W. Church St  
 Hagerstown, MD  
 na.org

Alcoholics Anonym.  
 40 W. Church St.  
 Hagerstown, MD  
 aa.org

### Sat Oct 11

Hagerstown TGs  
 @New Light MCC  
 Support Group 7p

Sun Oct 12  
 Rainbow Connections  
 Book Club 1p 2nd Sun  
 301-739-6629

### Fri Oct 17

Deer Park 3rd Fri  
 Cabaret Show

Sun Oct 26  
 Deer Park 4th Sun  
 Hip Hop Night

Mon Nov 3  
 New Light MCC  
 12:30 PM 1stWeek  
 @HagrstwnComCtr  
 Insight Meditation

Thu Nov 6  
 New Light MCC  
 Emergent Church  
 Worship 7:30p 2st Thu

**BARS / CLUBS**  
**Wilkes-Barre**  
 Twist  
 Fox Ridge Plaza  
 1170 Highway 315  
 (570) 825-7300  
 Mon-Sat 8p-2a  
 Sun 7p-10p  
 twistbarpa.com

**Moosic**  
 12 Penny Saloon  
 3501 Birney Ave  
 (570) 941-0444  
 Daily 2p - 2a  
 12PennySaloon.com

**Edwardsville**  
 Michael's Lounge  
 429 Main St.  
 (570) 287-9300  
 Tue-Sun 7p-2a  
 MichaelsLounge.com

**Pottsville**  
 Rumors Pottsville  
 661 North Centre t.  
 (570) 622-6867

**SOCIAL**  
 NEPA Leathermen  
 nepa-leathermen.com

**COMMUNITY**  
 Rainbow Alliance  
 512 Northampton St.  
 Room 218  
 Kingston, PA 18704  
 (570) 606-4410  
 GayNEPA.com

**HEALTH**  
 Caring Communities  
 for AIDS (CCA)  
 301A West Third St.  
 Berwick, PA 18603  
 570-752-5655  
 Myspace:  
 ^CaringCommunities  
 ^ForAIDS

**FREE HIV TESTING**  
 American Red Cross  
 256 N. Sherman St.  
 Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 (570) 823-7161x345  
 myspace.com/  
 ^AmericanRed  
 ^CrossWVChaper

**FREE HIV TESTING**  
 Wyoming Valley AIDS  
 Coucil  
 183 Market St, #102-A  
 Kingston, PA 18704  
 (507) 823-5808  
 wvacinc.org

**Weekly Events**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
 12 Penny 10p Karaoke  
 Michael's 10p Karaoke

**FRIDAYS**  
 Twist 10p 18+

**Special Events**  
 Fri Oct 3  
 Woods Weekend  
 Family & Friends

Sat Oct 4  
 Twist 10p 1st Sat 18+

Sun Oct 5  
 12 Penny NYC Trip  
 To See Gypsy

Tue Oct 7  
 Pride of NEPA 1st Tue  
 @Pride Place  
 156 S. Franklin St.  
 Board Meeting

Fri Oct 10  
 Woods Weekend  
 Bears IV

Tue Oct 14  
 PrideNE 6:30p 2nd Tue  
 Tony D's Pizza  
 295 S. Main St.  
 Membership Mtg

Thu Oct 16  
 MDAS  
 @Stallions Hbg  
 Miss PA MDAS

Fri Oct 17  
 MDAS  
 @Stallions Hbg  
 Miss PA MDAS  
 Woods  
 Oktoberfest Wknd  
 Home Brewers

Fri Oct 24  
 Woods  
 Halloween  
 Weekend  
 Closing Weekend  
 Haunted Hayride

Thu Oct 30  
 Twist 21+ Hallown Pty

Fri Oct 31  
 Twist 18+ Hallown Pty

Sat Nov 1  
 Twist 10p 1st Sat 18+



# Reviews by: Clayton Christopher

## Rendition:

*A Review by Clayton Christopher*

*Rendition – A legal term meaning “handing over”*

The previously published review for *Batman: The Dark Knight* depicted a dark movie, but one that is based solely on the power of its creators' imagination. *Rendition* is another dark movie, but one whose power is derived from actual occurrences, and more directly springs from a segment of our national security policy.

The technical aspects of this film are outstanding from the cinematography to the acting to the special effects to the wardrobe and set design. The real prize here, though, is the heart of the project, and that is the story of the unfortunate souls who have been caught in the net of the CIA's policy of handing over suspected terrorist related individuals to foreign countries, so that they can be interrogated by means that the US neither officially performs nor condones.

The real crux of the question posed here is how far is too far to gain information, which may or may not be reliable, to thwart future extremist attacks around the world? The top CIA director in the movie possesses the perspective that information gained from this process saved 7,000 lives in central London, where her grandchildren live. During a tense conversation, another character asks her what she would do if her grandchild were one of the people being detained and tortured.

Reese Witherspoon portrays a pregnant wife and mother. Her husband is the character that disappears while on a business trip. Jake Gyllenhaal plays a CIA analyst thrust into the position of overseeing the torture of Reese's husband. Peter Sarsgaard's character dated Reese's character in college, and is now a Senator's aide. Meryl Streep's character directs the CIA, and briefs Sarsgaard's Senator on the foreign relations committee.

These characters and more are woven into a cacophony of swirling circumstances, with a few surprises along the way. *Rendition* is a moving, thought provoking, and disturbing film that is not necessarily for everyone, but is an informative ride.

Don't miss the documentary, *Outlawed*, on the DVD.

## Deb Bixler

### **Deceptive Advertising Causing Obesity**

Much of the food we buy these days is not what we think it is. Frequently the packaging is misleading. Oftentimes, we think we are purchasing healthy choices when in fact we are getting chemical or sugar-laden foods. This deceptive advertising is one of the causes of obesity. When you purchase a product that is described as healthy and it is not, our health and the health of the kids are affected. Frequently a food that is pictured or described as fruit or fruit-based is really nothing more than a box or bag of chemicals and sugar. These hidden sugars are generating added pounds, and the lack of nutritional value in chemical-based foods is creating a desire to eat more.

According to a study released by the Strategic Alliance for Healthy Food and Activity Environments, parents buy more foods that state “contain fruit” or even just have a picture of fruit on the label. The study showed that 51 percent of these products do not contain any fruit, and 16 percent only have minimal amounts of fruit.

Leslie Mikkelsen, a registered dietitian with the Strategic Alliance said, “Parents who are drawn to products that seem healthier for their children based on references to fruit on the packaging are being deceived.” She also stated, “Food and beverage companies are some of the most sophisticated communicators in the world and are clearly capable of accurately reflecting what is in their products if they wanted to.”

#### **A Diet Based On Real Food**

The only way to ensure that the food is as pictured or described on the front of the package is to read the ingredients list. The front of your package is written by marketing agents. The regulations for the front of label packages are almost nonexistent. The only facts are to be found in the ingredient list and the nutritional analysis. Basing your family's diet on real food choices will ensure that your loved ones are capable of maintaining the ideal weight, avoiding the obesity epidemic and getting proper nutrition. If you do not know what it is, then chances are it is not real food. Natural diet programs keep you satisfied and last a lifetime.

*Deb Bixler is a diet and lifestyle coach who focuses on teaching people how to live healthy, lose weight and maintain an ideal weight through natural diet programs.*

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# Gayly Forward

"When Giving It To You Straight Just Won't Do"

Dear Gayly Forward,

*I was talking with friends when the subject of same-sex relationships came up. Someone said that in order to know whether you are gay or straight you would have to kiss both genders to be sure. Is there any truth to this point? The woman who said this also said that it would help clear up any confusion. I only have one thing to say to this... it can't always be true. What about bisexuals? What are your thoughts on this matter?*

Thanks,

Easily Embarrassed

Dear EE:

I'm not sure why any of this would embarrass you, easily or otherwise, but perhaps your name lends itself more to where you fear you might find yourself on this kissing continuum.

To be sure, some gays, straights, and bisexuals know themselves before they ever lock lips with someone else. Kissing then becomes an act, in and of itself, to express that attraction, rather than the litmus test your friend suggests.

However, some need that litmus test, although they might not be consciously aware of it. Feeling attracted to one sex or another, a lip smack polka ensues, and they're one chase step away from it being right. Being brought up short, as if toes were stepped on, has a way of making one rethink the dance. Trying again and continually misstepping is a large clue that either the kisser or the gender is not a match. Perhaps the wrong person is being kissed, or the wrong gender, or a combination of the two. Try, try again. Hey, it can't hurt!

I don't agree with your friend that if you believe you are one sexual identity or another, or a mixture of all possibilities, that you need to kiss anyone you don't wish to kiss, just to make sure. If it feels right to kiss someone you are attracted to, and the feeling is mutual, then, for goodness sake, just do it. You'll know where you stand when it comes to your sexuality. Trust me, you'll know.

-GF

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RIA LARUE, a native of PA, has lived in Lancaster for the past 27 years. She is a former Miss Lancaster Illusion 2004, Miss Lancaster America 2006, Miss Tally Ho Emeritus, and the newly crowned Miss Drag All-Star Reading Pride 2008.

STAR, a transplant to Pennsylvania from the great state of Oklahoma, has been doing drag for several years. She is the current reigning Miss Drag All-Star Wilkes-Barre.

ASHLEY LYNN currently resides in Harrisburg PA and is the current reigning Miss Drag All-Star Lancaster.

WHITLEY Nycole DeAire' has been an entertainer here in PA since 1997. She moved here from Knoxville, TN, and has achieved many titles in her years here.

LAEDY IMANI currently resides in Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania and is the current reigning MDAS Wyoming Valley.

JENIKA MAYHEIM NE'ARMANI FIERCE {No Photo Available} is the first alternate to Miss Drag All-Star Wyoming Valley.

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# LEGAL WISDOM



## IN "DEFERRED" BLOOD

By: Derek J. Cordier, Esquire

After the Tsunami and Katrina disasters I signed up for an orientation to become a Red Cross volunteer. I was given a VCR tape to begin my training in disaster relief. It is waiting to be loaded into the VCR.

Ironically, a friend of mine recently asked me "when are they going to change the blood donation law?" I really had not thought about the impact of the FDA's banning all gay men from donating blood - for life. My friend

told me the story of his experience when he attempted to donate. They did not ask if he had any infectious disease. They did not ask if he was an intravenous drug user. They did not ask if he had been tested for HIV. They didn't even ask if he would answer the questions honestly. They only asked if he had sex with another man since 1977. When he answered the sex question in the affirmative, they told him that he would be "deferred" from donating and that he would have to sign a document that used his social security number to mark him as a "deferred" donor for life. "Deferred" is the FDA's term for "banned."

In 1985 the FDA banned all men who had sexual relations with another man anytime since 1977. They also banned all men and women who had sexual relations for money or drugs since 1977. The FDA reasoned that as a group, gay men and those who have sex for money or drugs have a higher risk for contracting HIV than the general population. The ban extended to bone marrow. The FDA also requires blood collectors to report anyone who has been deferred, so a list can be kept and those on it may never donate. The Red Cross supports the FDA's ban.

I cannot believe how nonsensical it all is. Is the "list" being kept for those who decide to lie about their sex lives and attempt to donate after they have already told the truth? Then there is the fact that a woman can donate even if she slept with a gay man - yesterday! Since my friend gets tested regularly, there is a good chance that he is less of a risk for transmitting HIV to the blood supply than the room full of straight people waiting with him to donate.


The FDA website states that the advancements in HIV blood testing have lessened the risk to 1 in 2 million donations. Every unit of donated blood is tested for HIV, Hepatitis, Human T-Lymph tropic Virus, and Syphilis. Those in need of certain blood or specific bone marrow do not have a choice in the matter. In the United States there are 3.5 million patients who receive blood transfusions each year. Some of those will die simply because there is a shortage of blood and marrow, and gay men cannot donate. It does not matter how many tests are made on the blood to ensure its safety. The decision to "defer" gay men for life was made from fear and bigotry. It is an example of the way society paints the picture that gay men are not created equal. I will happily be doing more work for the AIDS Community Alliance. The VCR tape has gone back to the Red Cross - unwatched.



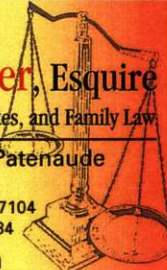
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# Inside OUT

## Save The Children, Save Ourselves, Save The World!

Hello, family! I just finished reading an article in the national news that I found so unimaginable, heart wrenching, and appalling, that I didn't know what to do with myself ... so I turned to my keyboard and

you, my readers.

The article was about the death of... no let me be clear ... the murder of an innocent 1 month old precious little girl named Paris. This loving gift from God was given to a female who should have never had the opportunity to be blessed with any child. This female (I can't call her a mother) murdered this child with a microwave to help keep her boyfriend, and protect her secret that he wasn't the father. I can imagine you feel as angry and upset as I do. This is only one child's story. There are millions of children out there who need to be loved, and are with the wrong parents. Society and the laws in many of these (so-called) United States pass judgment and withhold the opportunity for parenthood from individuals who would make wonderful parents, such as couples and individuals in the gay community.

Currently there are over 129,000 children in the foster care system in need of parents and a safe and loving home. Generally the mind set of the foster care system, adoption offices, and courts of law is that a child belongs in a home with both a male and a female adult couple, or with at least one biological parent, regardless of their lack of parenting skills. When an exception to the rules is made, it is usually in favor of one non-biological adult, a heterosexual adult. While everyone is looking out for the adults, who's looking out for the children?

Unfortunately, I've had the opportunity to hear horror stories regarding the abuses and neglect of some children from a gay teacher I know. The situations ranged from physical and mental neglect, to the withholding of affection by the biological parents and non-biological guardians. It was obvious to me that the only love, affection, and attention these children were able to receive was from this teacher. What I find sad is the fact that

even as a person with a kind heart, who's chosen the education of children as his life's work, he might face exclusion in adopting a child because of who he loves. On the other side of this issue are the families with single or coupled gay parents or guardians, who could face the possibility that someone (federal and state agencies, or relatives) could challenge their rights to be parents, solely for being gay. Situations such as this are all too common in cases where the biological parent is deceased, and the relatives of the deceased request removal of child custody from the non-biological parent.

The courts make moral judgments that those in the GLBT community might not make good parental candidates. The ironic thing is that in the midst of these judgments, those that have their rights protected by the courts and agencies sometimes don't even know how to love themselves, let alone be able to provide love and security for a child.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm sure there are individuals in our community who would make terrible parents, and those who don't even want the option. However, for those who do, wouldn't their desire to love and nurture a child be more important than whom they choose to love?

It's time for those in power to fine tune their hearing aids, wipe off their clouded spectacles, relax their gag reflex, take a hard swallow with their personal beliefs and fears, and think about the children! The only way things in this country will change is by making your voice heard by those in power. Remember they are your Congress, your House of Representatives, and your President.

**YOU are in power!**

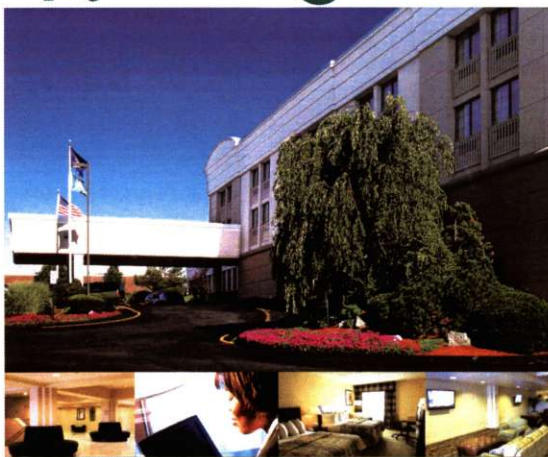
This is just one of the many challenges we face as a gay community and as Americans. As history has shown us, the more a group of people is pushed back, the more they push forward.

Use your powers, crack the whip, and vote this November 4th. If not for you, then for the children!

Remember Paris.

Be well my friends,

Jarvis



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# VISION OF HOPE, MCC

## Some Specifics on the Bible and Homosexuality

by: Revs. Debbie Coggin and Jennifer Glass

The last two articles we wrote addressed the way that the Bible has been used, right or wrong, to oppress minority groups, mainly African Americans, women and Jews. The latest "targets," if you will, are gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons.

Agree with us or not, we believe the truth is that homosexuality is not a biblical concern. Let us explain. First, the prophets, whose responsibility was to point out the sins of the people, do not condemn same-gender sexual relationships.

Second, in scripture, Jesus says nothing at all on the subject. There is not one mention of condemnation of same-gender relationships in any of the gospels. We are aware one must be cautious about arguing from silence, as Bishop John Shelby Spong (a retired Episcopal bishop and an out-spoken advocate of God's inclusive love) points out. Bishop Spong explains that this does suggest that those who consider this the most heinous sin must be terribly disturbed that our Lord appears either to have ignored it completely or to have said so little on the subject that no part of what he said was remembered or recorded.

On Spong's website you will find statements like, "If the essence of our Christ is summed up in words that John's Gospel attributes to him, 'I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly,' then the choice is clear. Homophobia diminishes life; it does not make it more abundant. It must be ended; it cannot be tolerated even by making it kinder and gentler... There is no room for waffling on this moral imperative. The idea that you will allow politicians to advocate placing discrimination against homosexual persons into the Constitution of this country, while your voices are either in agreement or remain deafeningly silent, is an embarrassment. If it takes a split in the body of Christ to make this generation understand that homosexuality, like slavery, is a non-debatable, moral issue, then for God's sake, for Christ's sake, you must be willing to pay that price."

Third, the question "What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" is misleading because it fails to take into account the fact that the ancient world had no word or concept of homosexuality (Jeffrey S. Siker, *Homosexuality in the Church: Both Sides of the Debate*). The term "homosexual" or "homosexuality" is a relatively contemporary term. The word homosexual does not have an equivalent in ancient Hebrew or Greek.

In 1869, the term "homosexual" was first used in German by Karoly M. Benkert, a Hungarian writer, who used it to define male or female individuals who from birth are erotically oriented towards their own sex. The Oxford English Dictionary says in 1912, the word was first used in English. Further, the earliest use of the word "homosexual" in a bible was in 1946 with the publication of the first edition of the Revised Standard Version.

As pastors, we find it difficult to believe that if homosexuality was such a big sin, why did Jesus not at least make some reference to the issue during his ministry? While there are roughly 32,000 verses in the bible, only seven refer to the issue of homosexuality. That's roughly .00018% and is an almost infinitesimal percentage on which to draw such a clear conclusion as some offer that homosexuality is a sin.

The belief that the Bible is not clear in its position on homosexuality is supported by experts in the field of biblical scholarship. For instance, Dr. Daniel Helminiak, a Roman Catholic priest, states, "the Bible supplies no real basis for the condemnation of homosexuality. Therefore, people must stop opposing homosexuality merely by quoting the Bible, because taken on its own terms; the Bible simply does not support the case. If they have some other reasons for their opposition, they ought to get clear what that reason is and state it up front (Daniel A. Helminiak, *What The Bible Really Says About Homosexuality*)."

In addition, Dr. Robin Scroggs, Professor of New Testament at Chicago Theological Seminary, states, "Biblical judgments against homosexuality are not relevant to today's debate. They should no longer be used in denominational discussion about homosexuality, should in no way be a weapon to justify refusal of ordination, not because the Bible is not authoritative, but simply because it does not address the issues involved (Robin Scroggs, *The New Testament and Homosexuality: Contextual Background for Contemporary Debate*)."

Next time we will present some of the scriptures that supposedly address homosexuality. Keep checking back for more! If you have any questions about the Bible or about other matters of faith, please feel free to email Pastors Deb and Jen at [pastor@visionofhopemcc.org](mailto:pastor@visionofhopemcc.org).


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## I Can Report....

Gossip from the  
Lehigh Valley  
By Kitty-Mame  
Dietrich



Greetings my panzee pretties! The summer has now officially dwindled down and fall is here. The days are shorter, there is a chill in the air, and everything is starting the slow down towards winter, not only in nature, but within the scene as well. Not many salacious things have happened in the Lehigh Valley since my last report, so this month's column will be a little shorter than is usual for me.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the best of luck to our Miss Gay Pennsylvania America and her first alternate, as they are on the brink of departing for their weeklong competition at nationals in October. Speaking from my own personal experience, it will be a fun, amazing and eye-opening week, and I'm sure you will make us all proud. Good Luck!

There is some residual summer gossip that I can report on, which is that there was quite a seafood harvest at the "cha-cha palace" over the last weeks of the summer. The crab harvest was particularly good, from what I have learned, and I am not talking about the blue, Dungeness, or soft-shell varieties, if you catch my drift. So, boys, if you're looking for some hooking at the "cha-cha palace," be the good Boy Scout and come prepared with some cocktail sauce and lemon slices...oh, and some pubicide wouldn't hurt either!

I can also report that this authoress was recently confronted at one of her regular watering holes by a somewhat incensed and paranoid fan that believed himself to be the subject of one of her columns, and tried to step up and defend another purported subject of this column. She was able to fend off the initial onslaught and circumvent the following queries.

As I have said before, some people are so guilty or insecure that they think that what they read pertains to them; some pretend to be true to those whom they call "friends" by trying to defend them, when really they have secretly judged those "friends" because they can see their "friends" likenesses in what they read in my columns. So, to answer the questions as to who was written about, if YOU think it walks like a duck, and YOU think it talks like a duck...well, maybe it is. But, then again, it's for me to know and you to find out!

Until next month my pretties: love you all more than my Manolos.

-Kitty

## COINCIDENTALLY... GOSSIP FROM LANCASTER



*Hello Divas, My Boyz, Drag Kings, and Everyone In-between*

*All I have to say is, I come back from my vacation from Tennessee, and all hell breaks out. What the hell was everyone doing while I was gone? You know, it's amazing to me that people do not call someone when something offensive is said*

*about them. In most cases, they will believe what the liar has told them you said. I just don't understand that at all. The next time someone says that I said something about him or her, please come to me. I will gladly tell you if I said it or not. I have nothing to hide. Furthermore I feel people just need to grow the F\*\*\* Up. This isn't high school, kids. It's real life. If this offended you at all, you must be the one spreading all the lies. Knock it the hell off...*

*On a personal note, I just wanted to thank my best friends Jay Jay and Ria for taking good care of me during my birthday, of which I only remember bits and pieces. I guess I had too many shots. Actually, I know I had too many shots... lol... Thanks again to everyone who came out for my Birthday Bash at the Dawg Haus. It was also a benefit show for Ashley Lynn and me to go to Miss Drag All-Star Pennsylvania, which will be October 16th and 17th at Stallions in Harrisburg. We really appreciated all of your support and thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.*

*Who wants a new crown and title? Applications are now available for Miss Tally Ho 2009. If you're interested, you can contact Ria LaRue or me. And for those of you that are worried: No!!! I'm not competing for this title this year. I have bigger things on my plate at the moment that I have my eye on.*

*What the heck happened with all the folks coming to Bingo at Club XS? This money is raised for Common Roads. There is a crowd there but it could be lots better. Come on, IT'S FOR THE KIDS, folks. Someone has to go just to pick on Charles, Greg, Amos, Travis, and Traci. True Story...News at 11... lol, and don't forget you can win Big Money, too.*

*Well, that's about it for the Lancaster area and what's going on. I will be seeing you all very soon.*

*Love and DivaLicious Baby*

*Whitley Nycole DeAire'*

*Miss Drag All-Star Manheim 2008*

*Miss Gay Lancaster Pride 2008*



# The Happenings In Harrisburg...

... "Allegedly" ...

Well, here it is... that time again... except now you only have me once a month... which is pretty much as it was anyway... allegedly.

It's time for a shameless plug... I am asking you to please vote for me as the first article that you read when you pick up the Panzee Press... quick, vote now!!!

OK, back to gossip... It seems that I forgot to mention in my last article about the newest addition to the Harrisburg dragoon world... I have heard that she is one hottie who will give private tours of the capitol grounds... and show how they fertilize them... Ladies and Gentlemen... I introduce to you... "Eva D'Struction"... allegedly.

Congratulations go out to "Uncle Ed" on his ... promotion??? He will no longer be in the gossip section with "Maybe / Maybe Not." His is now the proud writer of local commentary... politics and what not... allegedly. Way to, Ed!!!

Let me tell you about the lovely night I had at the party honoring the 54 most fabulous women of Harrisburg... Yes, believe it or not, I was one of the 54... If you have your magnifying glass, you'll find another Panzee author in the mix as well as a few other names you'll recognize... allegedly. The wine was flowing and so was my gown... Gravy was quite the baby sitter... thank you Robert and the Arts Council. You did a wonderful job... no allegedly about it.



Also, congrats go out to Robert on his award being presented by Mayor Steve Reed for distinguished service to the arts in Harrisburg.

Don't forget to come out and celebrate Halloween with us. The costume contest times both Friday & Saturday nights are as follows: Friday & Saturday: 10:30: Brownstone, 11:00: 704 Strawberry, 11:30: Neptune's 12:00: Stallions

So it's time to get out those glue guns and sewing machines and get to work... allegedly.

Until next time... remember... If you have anything you don't want repeated... tell me... I won't **SAY** a word.

KISS KISS BUT DON'T SMUDGE MY LIPSTICK,  
XXXXOO  
Ms. Biscuit

## Story Time

**ST. FRANCIS OF PINE CREEK**.....Continued

by Joe Gill

"You, sir, are rude and need to learn human respect. After all, I wouldn't dream of calling your little friend here "afterbirth of Ma and Pa Kettle's gangbang," or you, String bean, a "chipmunk-brained, squirrel-screwin' bestialist." The tall one lunged, but Francis raised his right arm and stopped him dead. His companion met the same fate when he tried lunging at Francis.

"Since you fellas wanna act like something that's never evolved, then not living the life you two could, live then forever groveling on all fours in the wood!" At the end of Francis' mantra, both men sprouted raccoon tails as they fell to the ground. Little paws replaced their hands and feet, while whisker covered muzzles sprouted on their faces. Sharp teeth replaced their rotted flat ones. In seconds the two men were nothing more than frightened animals, scurrying away into the mountains.

Mike froze as Francis came to him. "Go back to sleep, Michael. Then go home to meet Matt, as he's waiting for you. You've grieved enough." There was a swirl of mist and then fog. Mike looked around, but Francis was gone. Exhausted and confused, he returned to his tent to sleep...

### SIX MONTHS LATER

"Honey, look at this painting. Aren't these guys gorgeous?" Matt said, as he pointed out the artwork to his new boyfriend, Mike. Matthew was not only cute; he shared almost everything of interest with Mike. It was as if Travis had come back from the grave, but in a beautiful way. Mike froze as he looked at the painting.

It depicted two young, nude men, draped in tunics. "Sir, what is this painting called, and how much does it cost," Matt asked the clerk. Matt looked over at Mike. "If the price is right, babe, can we buy it?" Mike did not take his eyes off one of the figures.

"Ah, that is called THE LOVE OF PROMETHEUS AND EPIMETHEUS. They were homosexual lovers who were also gods. Prometheus created all human males, and his husband, Epimetheus, created all the animals." The clerk looked at Matt and Mike. "You two may have this, as a gift, for the love you share."

Matt smiled and hugged Mike, who still could not take his eyes off Epimetheus. For although the figure was nude, save for the furry tunic, and the Greek forest setting, Mike knew he was none other than Francis, the man who not only told him of the great fortune he would have six months in the future, but the very one who saved his life.





## “Theoretically”

by: Daniel Kincade

Hello everyone, and welcome to yet another action packed edition of the column that everyone in Reading is always talking about, theoretically.

It seems that a picture of a certain sexy bartender in my last column caused quite a stir (and not just in people's pants). Apparently, the attendance on Fridays has been picking up at the Red Star. It could be in part due to yours truly, or perhaps its said sexy bartender. Either way, Fridays are shaping up to be quite a fun night to go out in Reading.

September 14th was the Miss Drag All-Star Harrisburg Pageant. The event was held at the FABULOUS Stallions Entertainment Complex in Harrisburg. While we had fun that night, there is lots of juicy gossip to report. The evening was hosted by the wonderful and talented Buffy Buffington and the very sexy Cowboy Bill. I love Buffy and Bill to death, but I have just one comment: DAMN girl, I haven't heard that much f'ing swearing at an f'ing pageant in, like, well, EVER, theoretically.

Reports also came in that a certain queen, who shall remain nameless, got a wee bit carried away with the cocktails at MDAS Harrisburg. Now, it's not like I have any pull in the Miss Drag All-Star Pageant family, but I came up with a really great idea for a preliminary next year. Miss Drag All-Star AA has a nice ring to it, theoretically.

That same evening saw the crowning of Jackie Daniels as the new Miss Drag All-Star Harrisburg. Incidentally, Jackie was the only contestant, since the others who said they were running decided not to show up, and I'm not going to name any names. The pageant was packed with lots of great performers and was three hours of thrills and excitement. It's slightly odd when I think about it, because it brings to mind a movie that

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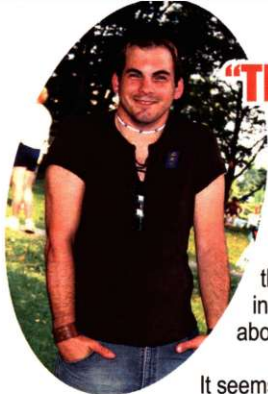
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